

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: CULP, et al.  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE  
IDENTIFICATION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION  
SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled *System and Method for Remote Identification of Energy Consumption Systems and Components* by Culp, et al., please amend the application as follows: